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NON-UTILISATION OF FOREIGN AID FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire foreign aid received for the rehabilitation of Gujarat earthquake victims have not been utilized so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total foreign aid in terms of money and material, separately and also from the Indian sources received and the amount out of them spent so far;

(d) whether the total aid received is sufficient for complete rehabilitation and relief measures in Gujarat;

(e) if not, the quantum of funds provided by the Government therefor; and

(f) the time by which the entire relief and rehabilitation work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (f): The rehabilitation and reconstruction is an ongoing and continuous process. The State Government is hopeful that except for the four towns of Anjar, Bhachau, Bhuj and Rapar, the reconstruction work will be completed before the onset of next monsoon. As per the information supplied by the Government of Gujarat, the assistance received/approved from external sources is as under:-

(i). Govt. of Netherlands Rs.300 crore

(ii). European Union Rs.170 crore

(iii). Other external sources Rs.100 crore

(iv). Loan assistance (ADB) US$ 300 million

(v). Loan assistance (World Bank) US$ 700 million

In addition to release of Central share of CRF, assistance of Rs.1467.37 crore from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) was released. Additional Central assistance of Rs.220.00 crore has also been provided. According to the assessment of the State Government, the assistance approved/promised will be sufficient to meet the cost of rehabilitation and reconstruction measures in the wake of the earthquake.